

HANCOCK

VESSELS ARE IN NEED OF
MEN THIS TIME OF YEAR

With the coming of bad weather difficulty is experienced in holding crews—inspectors are kept busy investigating disasters, many being due to carelessness.

According to reports received from several of the upper lake ports, the lake steamers are many of them working short handed, which condition, the strikers allege, is due to the strike that has been waged against the lake carriers all summer. Complaints of incomplete crews have been received at the local inspectors office, and investigation has shown that the charge is in some degree true, though the vessels have not been found sufficiently undermanned to make their navigation hazardous.

Any number of reasons are assigned for the scarcity of men for the navigation of the lake steamers. In the first place, there is nothing particularly enjoyable in sailing up and down the lakes in the rough seas and cold weather that are likely to prevail in October and November. Bad weather is apt to drive the tenderfoot to land, though the seasoned sailor usually scoffs at wind, snow and weather. Again, many of those who held positions on the boats during the summer, college students in particular, have now quit their jobs to take up their studies or other work and it is hard to get experienced men to take their places. Finally, all kinds of work is much more plentiful than it has been for two years past, which, of course, makes it harder for the vesselmen to engage all the men they want.

Shore Leave Regulations.

In order to hold their crews, some of the masters have found it necessary to impose strict regulations regarding shore leave and on some of the boats it has been refused altogether. Knowing that the season is about at an end, the men are looking for other positions and in the Lake Superior ports they often engage to spend the winter in the lumber woods. As desertion of any members of the crew at this end of the trip places the master of the boat in an embarrassing position, most of the companies have established a rule that the men cannot draw any pay until they have completed a round trip.

The striking union men seem to be especially active in looking up and reporting any vessels that are sailing with short crews. At the Soo, it is said that a scout in the togs of a man looking for work inquires as the boats come along and is informed that he may go to work if he wishes. He gets data as to the places open and reports to the union headquarters, from which place complaints are filed with the authorities.

Carelessness is Alleged.

The government inspectors report that there has been an exceptionally large number of accidents on the lakes this year, which fact they are inclined to attribute to carelessness more than anything else. Throughout the summer there has been a succession of collisions, groundings and even total loss of vessels, and the inspectors are kept very busy investigating the disasters. While most of the accidents have occurred in stormy or foggy weather, it is said that the weather has been no worse than the average this season. There are a great many more boats in commission this year than a year ago and the vessel owners are urging the masters to make as quick trips as possible, with the result that safety is often sacrificed to speed. The inspectors are dealing severely with all cases of carelessness in operating the lake boats and a considerable number of the licensed men have been deprived of their papers within the last few months.

Kunsto Mustaine was taken to St. Joseph's hospital this week suffering with typhoid fever.

FELL FROM CAR AND WAS
CRUSHED BY THE ENGINE

Mineral Range Brakeman Falls Between Car and Engine and Ten Wheels Pass Over Body, Crushing It and Almost Cutting It in Two—Inquest Held Last Evening.

The inquest into the death of Felix Paquette, the Mineral Range brakeman who was killed yesterday afternoon by being run over at Lake Junction, near Dollar Bay yesterday afternoon took place last evening in the office of Justice C. O. Olivier. The jury consisted of George Taylor, A. L. Levy, Leonard Meola, Isaac Blythe, Albert Burkman and Bart Meola.

From the testimony of Brakeman George Rentenbach, who was the only eye witness of the accident, it appears that Paquette was on the first car, a rock car, in the rear of the engine. Rentenbach had gotten off to throw the switch, in order to back some cars into a siding and he had signaled to the engineer to back up when he noticed Paquette who was standing on the small platform at the end of the car suddenly lurch forward and fall to the rails. In falling he appeared to make a grab at the car or a handle on the car. Before the signal to stop the engine could be given Paquette was under the wheels, his feet in the center of the track and his head and arms outside, on the left hand side of the track. The entire ten wheels of the tender and engine on that side passed over the body, crushing it terribly and breaking the backbone. It did not, however, entirely sever the body. Paquette was in sight of Rentenbach, who was standing at the switch about two car lengths away, from the time he fell from the car until the engine had passed over him.

Engineer Nelson and Fireman Simpson of train No. 62, stated that about four or five minutes before the accident Paquette had been on the engine, afterwards climbing from the tender to the first car in the rear, and this was the last they saw of him. As they were backing up, a sensation of something grinding beneath the wheels was noticed, which it was at first supposed might be a broken portion of the engine dragging on the track. The fireman quickly observed that it was a body on the track and immediately notified the engineer to stop. The body was found lying on its back across the rail, as above described and although Paquette was not then dead, it was seen that he would expire in a moment. When picked up his eyes and mouth were seen to twitch, but he made no sound of any kind.

Conductor Wern and a Brakeman named Girard were examined, these with the other witnesses constituting the jury of No. 62. The jury retired and returned in a moment with a verdict to the effect that Paquette came to his death by being run over by train No. 62 of the Mineral Range railroad. Paquette was a railroad man of experience and had been employed by the Mineral Range for the past six years. He was regarded as a thoroughly competent and efficient man, and deep sorrow is expressed by his fellow workmen at his untimely and tragic death. He was thirty-five years of age, and is survived by his wife and one child, living in west Hancock. The remains were taken to Calumet, where Paquette formerly resided, and where the funeral will be held.

SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION.

A special election of the electors and qualified voters of the Hancock school district will be held tomorrow to pass upon the proposition to bond the city in the sum of \$20,000 to defray the expense of erecting the new west Hancock schoolhouse. At the special election held last summer for this same purpose the proposition passed unanimously but a technicality made it advisable, in the opinion of the school board, to hold the election over again. The polls will be open all day at the high school building, from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m., continuously.

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REFITTING THE YANTIC TO
QUIET ENGLISH OBJECTIONS

Four-inch Guns Will be Substituted for Six-inch Now in Place, and the Nashville Will Have Only Six-inch Rifles Instead of Four and Six Together—Will Conform to Treaty.

In accordance with orders received from the war department at Washington the U. S. S. Yantic is now being rebuilt and refitted at Sturgeon Bay as is already known, but the reason which actuated the government has just come to light, says the Escanaba Mirror.

It appears that when the national war department presented the lake service with the gunboat Nashville, Great Britain objected strenuously to the craft appearing on the inland seas at all. It was pointed out that this country was exceeding the treaty limits by virtue of which the armament of the two nations on the lakes is regulated. But the war department evaded the matter for the time being and the Nashville was brought up from the Atlantic coast by a Detroit division of reserves.

There have been sundry rumblings from the British lion concerning the presence of the growing fleet of war vessels flying the stars and stripes on the lakes ever since that time and it is to quiet these and assure England of our peaceful intentions that the change is being made.

The four-inch guns with which the Nashville was equipped will be removed and will replace the six-pounders which the Yantic now carries. This will leave the Nashville with six-inch guns and a couple of light one-pounders while the Yantic will carry two four-inch rifles and two one-pounders.

While the number of guns and the weight of metal thrown remains practically the same, there is a wide difference between the Yantic equipped with the four-inch rifles and the Nashville with both four and six.

On the Yantic the guns would be of little use in an engagement for a well directed shot would probably sink her before she could do serious execution with them. The Nashville, on the other hand, is well protected, and could wield the weapons with deadly effect against any English vessel on the lakes.

The action of the war department therefore practically obviates the two four-inch rifles and satisfies the English government.

Rumors which have been in circulation concerning the probability of Great Britain requesting the abolition of the Naval Reserve is therefore untrue. Even if the English war department would so far overstep the bounds as to make such a request, it could have no possible effect, inasmuch as the Reserve are a portion of the State National Guard and while on a war footing, are subject to laws of the state and could be sustained at state expense.

HALLOWEEN PARTIES.

Several pleasant and appropriate Halloween parties have been arranged to take place in Hancock on Friday and Saturday evenings and some interesting decorations and diversions suitable for the occasion will be features of each.

The St. Patrick's parish hall is being attractively decorated for the card party, to be given on Friday evening, with pumpkins, jack o' lanterns, evergreens and outlined designs of ghosts, and other characteristic Halloween figures. A great many tickets have been disposed of by the ladies of the parish and the event will afford an entertainment of a very attractive nature.

The Epworth league of the Hancock Methodist church will also give a delightful party in the basement of the church on Saturday evening. A list of games and pastimes, identified with the Halloween season, will be given and the decorations and details will be in keeping with the spirit of the evening, on which ghosts and hobgoblins walk the earth and ominous portents are manifested by the spirits of the air. A very pleasant card party was given last evening at the Rouleau hall by the St. Bernard's court of the Catholic Order of Foresters, the proceeds being for the benefit of the indoor baseball team.

The Hancock council of the Knights of Columbus have selected Sunday, November 28, as the date for their memorial service. The members will attend service at St. Joseph's church on that date and on Monday, Nov. 29, regular high mass will be celebrated.

The first block of Hancock street between Ravine and Teacup street has been completed, the laying of the bitulth surface having been completed to that point this morning. The section finished is now available for traffic hardening almost as soon as laid. The work of making the concrete foundation west of Montezuma street is temporarily at a standstill owing to shortage of men.

A daughter was born last Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lant of Elevation street.

HANCOCK ART LEAGUE
ORGANIZED LAST NIGHT

Large Attendance at Meeting Held Last Evening for Purpose of Forming a Local Branch of Proposed Copper Country Art League—Officers Are Elected and Committees Selected.

The organization of the Hancock branch of the proposed copper country art league was effected last evening at a meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Wright on Water street when officers were chosen and an address was made by Mr. Young, the art dealer now in the copper country, through whose instrumentality the art league was promoted.

There was a goodly attendance of lovers of art, and those interested in painting, and considerable enthusiasm was manifested in the project. Sheldon Smilie, of the Quincy, who is the son of a prominent New York artist, and who is an authority on matters artistic, presided at the meeting and explained the aims and purposes of the contemplated society. Nominations of officers were called for and the result of the election was as follows:

Sheldon Smilie, president.
W. I. McMaster, vice president.
Miss Haire, secretary and treasurer.
Hon. N. W. Haire was appointed as chairman of the committee on incorporation and Mrs. McMaster and Mrs. C. D. Hanchette were named as a committee to secure members.

The object of the society is to form a part of the copper country art league, which will consist of six clubs located in Hancock, Calumet, Houghton, Lake Linden and two other towns. Each year an exhibition will be held of paintings by well known artists, the place of such exhibition being left open for further action of the society, and being dependent upon lighting facilities, advantageous location and other considerations. A place that will be easily accessible and centrally located will be selected. The exhibitions will most likely take place in the summer, when paintings will be available for exhibition purposes here, which at other times could not be had, on account of the fact that they are wanted in the large cities during the fall and winter months.

The annual fees were fixed at one dollar per year, and it is thought that the local membership will in a short time reach from one hundred and fifty to two hundred, which with similar large memberships in the other affiliated clubs, will enable the league to secure pictures that are really worth while, and will in time afford a nucleus for a fund with which to purchase paintings. The meeting adjourned subject to call of the president.

FIRE CHIEFS INVITED TO
CHEMICAL DEMONSTRATION

Invitations were sent out yesterday by Chief J. N. Mitchell of the Hancock fire department to the heads of the fire departments of the various copper country towns, to be present at the demonstration of the new chemical engine which is expected to arrive in Hancock at any time. Those to whom invitations have been extended are the chiefs of the fire departments at Red Jacket, Laurium, Houghton, Hurontown, Trumountain, Lake Linden, Hubbell, South Range, Painesdale, L'Anse, Baraga and Ontonagon, and to Superintendent James McNaughton of the Calumet and Hecla. A reply has already been received from one or two by telephone expressing their desire to be notified of the exact date so that they can arrange to be present, if convenient for them to do so. Nothing has been heard from the engine, which was due to arrive some time this week. Thomas Roch, the representative of the engine manufacturing company, is endeavoring to trace it and will remain until its arrival, when he will superintend the demonstration.

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SCHOOL BOARD MAKES
TEACHERS' ACQUAINTANCE

First Banquet of School Board Tendered at Scott Hotel Last Evening a Decided Success—Addresses and Musical Features and Bountiful Repast Enjoyed by Those Present.

The banquet tendered last evening at the Scott hotel by the board of education to the teachers employed in the various schools was a decided success and it is probable that some such event will be given each year hereafter. It was the first event of the kind that has been arranged by those in charge of the educating of the youth of Hancock, and served its intended purpose admirably in making the members of the board acquainted with those under their supervision, and also brought the teachers themselves into closer relationship.

C. A. Wright presided at the banquet and after the edibles on the excellent bill of fare had been disposed of he called on a number of the teachers and others for remarks. All the addresses were on educational topics and not only the gentlemen who responded but also the ladies, showed exceptional abilities as after dinner speakers, interspersing their remarks with apt anecdotes and stories of school incidents that added much to the interest. Those who were called upon to speak were Judge G. C. Bentley, Prof. Cobb of the high school, Superintendent La Rowe, and Misses Smart, Looney, Martin and Seaton. Prof. S. A. Claffin favored the gathering with a cornet solo, Miss Jessie Cameron gave a vocal selection, and a solo by Miss Stockly with violin obligato were among the musical features of the evening.

All the talks were of an informal nature and the speakers made suggestions relative to school work that tended to bring about a better understanding between the teachers and the board regarding certain points of the local school system.

A SUCCESSFUL PARTY.

Annual Ball of Fire Department Attended by a Large Crowd. The twenty-seventh annual ball of the Hancock fire department held last evening in Germania hall was one of the biggest social events of the year and was in every way an unqualified success, the crowd present being one

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of the largest that has ever turned out to participate in the fire fighters' great annual social event. All the details were perfect and reflected great credit upon the efforts of the committee in charge, composed of Messrs. Paul Kexler, Ed Hamilton and A. L. Levy, while the large number of tickets disposed of demonstrated the activity and persuasiveness of Henry Saam and Frank Wern. The program of musical numbers given by the Quincy orchestra comprised the latest and liveliest selections for waltz and two-step, and made people want to dance unceasingly from the opening of the ball until the early hours of the morn.

HANCOCK BREVITIES.

H. Norton, the west Hancock livestockman, has disposed of his business to William Hendrickson and Charles Makki. Mr. Norton established the business about three years ago and has built up a good trade. The new proprietors will make a few improvements which the increase of business necessitates.

J. H. Peterson has taken a position with the Metropolitan Life Insurance company as solicitor, succeeding Harry Conklin, who has gone to New Jersey.

A regular meeting of the Hancock lodge of Elks will be held this evening, and later a large party of members of the order will leave for Duluth to be present at the dedication of the new Elks' temple at that city.

Prof. J. C. Carter Troop will lecture at the high school this evening on "Sir Walter Scott." Previous to the lecture a cornet solo will be given by Prof. Claffin.

The subject for this evening's mid-week meeting at the Congregational church is "God's Care Amidst the Perils of the Sea."

The Peawick Brotherhood held its opening meeting of the season. The reorganization for the year did not take place as expected, but officers will be elected at the next regular meeting on Saturday evening.

The first quarterly conference of the year at the Peawick Methodist church was held Monday evening, at which time Messrs. George Francis and William Simmling were added to the official board of the church. William Williams, superintendent of the Sunday school, was given a license to preach.

R. H. Hosking has completed the masonry work on the new building which is being erected for Charles Fisher on Quincy street in west Hancock.

Dr. Scholler, who was recently appointed as a member of the state board of optometrist examiners by Governor Warner, will leave on Wednesday next for Lansing to attend the first meet-

ing of the board which will be held on November 4. At this meeting organization will be effected by the election of officers.

Miles Murphy, in advance of "The Gentleman from Mississippi," was in the city yesterday arranging for the coming of the company to the Korredge theater next Thursday evening.

Mrs. Fred Francis, wife of the alderman of the second ward, is reported to be slowly improving after her recent serious illness and the chances are now favorable for her recovery.

Arthur Demis, manager of the Standard Oil warehouse at Ripley, had the first joint of the third finger of his left hand severed last Sunday by having it caught between two casks.

Priceless Manuscript for Museum.

A Berlin museum has recently acquired a very valuable manuscript which originated in the second century B. C. It seems to be of the nature of a biographical dictionary, for it contains a list of the leading men of the time in art, statesmanship and warfare with much other general information of a similar nature. The paper was found in the wrappings of a mummy.

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